

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Applicants have canceled claims 3, 8 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 2, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 are pending.

35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Applicants have amended claims 2, 6 and 10 to respectively include the limitations of claims 3, 8 and 13, which were indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 are rendered moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,  
reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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